



6685 Coolidge Highway; Troy, MI 48098-1943
248.524.3567



Nature Center Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Saturday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Sunday	12 noon - 5 pm

Admission \$1/person, Annual Pass available.

Holiday Closures:

Labor Day Weekend - Sept 5-7
 Thanksgiving Day - Nov 26
 Christmas - December 24, 25
 New Years Eve - December 31

Nature Center Trails: Until October 31, the trails will be open for walking until 9 pm on normal business days.

The Stage Nature Center is a 100-acre facility operated by the City of Troy Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to our scheduled programs, the interpretive center and trails are open during posted hours. Come and enjoy our new exhibits, climbing boulders, children's nature area and the mastadon discovery dig site.

Let the Stage Nature Center be your gateway to the natural world! There are more than two miles of nature trails for you to enjoy, winding through meadows, forest, and stream. These trails are for **walking only**, please leave bikes in the bike rack near the parking lot. Jogging, pets, and collecting are not allowed.

"Our mission is to create passion for, and knowledge of, the natural world in the hearts and minds of our citizens, which will lead to increased understanding, and stewardship of our natural environment."

Get Out!!

September 24-30 is National "Take a Child Outside Week." Be a special adult friend to a child and share with them the wonders of nature at the Stage Nature Center. Get them away from the electronics inside and discover the out-of doors right here in Troy. Remember, we have some very informative exhibits and over two miles of trails. Come visit us!



Adopt-a-Nature Center Critter

Adopt a critter as a family, individual, scout group, classroom, or as a gift and you will help pay for food and care for your critter for a whole year! With your adoption of your critter of choice, you will receive a photo, biography, certificate, and a painting made by the animal you adopted – a real piece of animal artwork! Applications available at the SNC.

Fee: \$150/yr (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010)

Admission Fee for the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center

Beginning July 1, 2009, the Nature Center implemented a \$1 per person daily admission fee. This fee is collected when a patron accesses the Nature Center building or the trails. This fee is not collected when attending, volunteering, registering for a program or shopping at Cattail Cove Giftshop. An Annual Pass for a family or an individual can be purchased using the form below. It can be mailed or dropped off at the Nature Center. The Nature Center staff appreciates your support for our educational programming and the Nature Center facility.

Annual Pass: (Valid from date of purchase through June 30, 2010)

\$10/Individual

\$25/Family (Immediate family members only)

An Annual Pass entitles the bearer to:

- Free admission to the Nature Center
- A special member's only event
- A 20% discount at Mistletoe and Moonlight
- Use of Nature Center trails
- Free Admission to select Nature Centers

Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center Annual Pass

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email address: _____

I would like to purchase:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Pass	@ \$10	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Pass	@ \$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional donation	@ _____	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Please mail this form (with payment) to or drop off at:
 Stage Nature Center, 6685 Coolidge Hwy, Troy, MI 48098

Checks made payable to: City of Troy-SNC



Flea Market at the Farm

August 15, 22, 29

Every Saturday in August, from 9 am to 3 pm, the Troy Farm will welcome shoppers to stroll about our outdoor market and enjoy the many craft, antique, and specialty food vendors. Make sure to mark your calendars, and come join us for these fun-filled days of thrift and frivolity!

Call the Nature Center at 248.524.3567 for vendor information.



T.O.G.A. EXTREME Camp

(Teens Outside Great Adventures)

Formerly Wild Adventures EXTREME

T.O.G.A. EXTREME combines outdoor leadership, adventure, teambuilding, and outdoor recreation into five days full of fun and excitement! Paddling, climbing, geocaching, and mountain biking are just the beginning. Thursday, enjoy a day-long canoe trip on the Huron River followed by a cookout, campfire drum circle, and campout under the stars at Camp Wilderness. The week ends with a fun and relaxing Beach Bash – sand sculptures, limbo contest, and more. Registration ends August 10.

NOTE: Due to the sleep-over on Thursday, there is no afternoon bus returning from camp to the SNC on Thursday and no morning bus leaving for camp from the SNC on Friday.

Destination: Independence Oaks

Staff: Oakland County Camp Staff

Activity	Ages	Date	Time*	Day	Fee	Res Disc
337030B	11-15	8/17-21	8:40 am-4:10 pm	M-F	\$195	\$190

*Pick-up and drop off times are approximate

Naturalist Backpack Rental

Rent a naturalist's backpack anytime, equipped with lots of exploring equipment to make your hike along our trails an interactive experience for your whole family. Cost is \$11 for two hours.

Stop at the SNC front desk during regular business hours for details!

Fall Scavenger Hunt

Pick up a Scavenger Hunt at the front desk of the Nature Center and return it completed for a prize! Designed for ages 3-adult, this will surely add some fun to your hike. Available during regular business hours for \$3 each.

Visit the SNC for more details!

Get Some "Face" Time...

Become a fan of Troy Parks and Recreation and Stage Nature Center on Facebook. Keep up to date with the latest events, photos and happenings. Easy to connect, sign up at www.facebook.com. Type in Troy Parks and Recreation in the search box and "become a fan."

Evening at the Farm

Campfire and Hayride

Interact with autumn in nature with mounts, pelts and biofacts, while enjoying the ambiance of a campfire at the Troy Farm! Then join us on a wagon for a fabulous farm tradition – the hayride.

Please dress for the weather as this program is conducted entirely outdoors. This is a family program: children must be accompanied by an adult. Each person participating must enroll and pay the fee.

Location: Troy Farm

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date	Fee	Res Disc
347862A	3-Adult	Fri	6:30-7:30 pm	Sept 11	\$8	\$6
347862B	3-Adult	Fri	8-9 pm	Sept 11	\$8	\$6
347862C	3-Adult	Fri	6:30-7:30 pm	Oct 9	\$8	\$6
347862D	3-Adult	Fri	8-9 pm	Oct 9	\$8	\$6

Don't wait to buy your tickets -- rides fill up fast!



Exclusive Evening at the Farm

Campfire and Hayride

Organize an exclusive evening event for your large families, scout troops, corporate groups or subdivision associations, etc! There will be mounts, pelts and biofacts to explore while enjoying the ambiance of a campfire. Each participant will receive a s'more to prepare and enjoy! Then join us on a wagon for a fabulous farm tradition --the hayride.

Please dress for the weather as this program is conducted entirely outdoors. This is a group program; only one person needs to register for a group timeslot. Fee includes maximum of 40 people.

Location: Troy Farm

Fee: \$320

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
347872A	3-Adult	Sat	6:30-7:30 pm	Sept 19
347872B	3-Adult	Sat	8-9 pm	Sept 19
347872C	3-Adult	Sat	6:30-7:30 pm	Oct 3
347872D	3-Adult	Sat	8-9 pm	Oct 3



Junior Naturalist Club

The Junior Naturalist Club (JNC) is a very popular year-long award-winning program dedicated to teaching your children about nature. We believe in learning while having fun.

The JNC meets the second or third Saturday of each month and everyday for one week in July. The membership fee includes all meetings, lots of "hands on" activities, crafts, patches, naturalist kits,

and a family barbecue during July Week. Great natural fun for your child!

Nonmembers can attend Saturday meetings (for \$9 at the door) when space is available. Phone the Stage Nature Center to inquire about space availability.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Fee: \$103

Res: \$98

Activity	Section	Gr	Day	Time	Date
337461A	Discoverers	4yr	Sat	10-11:30 am	Sept 12
337462A	Adventurers	K	Sat	10-11:30 am	Sept 19
337463A	Trackers	1	Sat	10-11:30 am	Sept 12
337464A	Explorers	2	Sat	12:30-2:30 pm	Sept 19
337465A	Questors	3	Sat	12:30-2:30 pm	Sept 12
337466A	Seekers	4 & 5	Sat	12:30-2:30 pm	Sept 19

New

Ghost Tours at Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit

Connect with the supernatural this fall as we go in search of ghosts from the past. Our tour begins with a professional historian who wrote the book on Historic Fort Wayne, Dave Jamroz. We will go on a walking tour of the barracks, guard house and homes at the fort, while learning about the people that called the fort their home. Metro-Paranormal Investigations will have their "ghost hunting" equipment set-up to record any unusual occurrences as well. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation to and from Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit and must sign a waiver before participating in the Ghost Tour.

Fee: \$35 **Res Disc:** \$30

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
347601	18 and older	Sat	7 pm-Midnight	Sept 12

New

For the Birds!

The wild birds at the Stage Nature Center are calling out to YOU! With your donation, we can keep our birdfeeders full year round, attracting some of the coolest birds to our wildlife viewing area! Please contact SNC for an application or more details!

Yoga, Naturally

Janice Bahura will train you in the basics of Hatha Yoga, emphasizing postures found in nature. These ten classes are for any level of student. Wear comfortable attire and bring a yoga mat. Some classes may be held outside. 10 classes. Participants must be registered prior to class time.

Location: Stage Nature Center **Day:** Sunday

Activity	Ages	Dates	Time	Fee	Res Disc
347329A	12-Adult	9/13-11/15	1-2 pm	\$105	\$100

New

Harvest Farm Festival

Come to the Troy Farm for a festival celebrating the autumn harvest season. There will be children's crafts like making corn hats and farm animal masks and games including "Needle in a Haystack", "Cow Pie Toss," sack races, and a pie-eating contest! Barn Tours will be offered. Everyone will have cider and a donut! This is a family program -- each person must enroll and pay the fee.

Location: Troy Farm

Activity	Age	Time	Date	Fee	Res Disc
347701A	3-Adult	12:30-2 pm	Oct 3	\$9	\$7
347701B	3-Adult	3-4:30 pm	Oct 3	\$9	\$7

Little Acorns

Come grow with us in nature! Explore the sights, smells and sounds of fall with your little one during our interactive, hands-on hike. This program will take place completely outside, except in the event of extreme inclement weather. Bring children in backpacks, strollers with large wheels, sturdy enough for a wood chipped trail. The adult partner is free and must accompany the child throughout the program.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity	Ages	Date	Time	Day	Fee	Res Disc
347051A	Age 1-3	Oct 15	10 - 11am	Thu	\$6	\$4
347051B	Age 3-4	Oct 15	1 - 2 pm	Thu	\$6	\$4
347051C	Age 1-3	Oct 16	10 - 11 am	Fri	\$6	\$4



Celebrate your birthday at the Nature Center!



Trick or Treat Among the Trees

A Parent and Child Activity

Halloween doesn't have to be ghastly and frightening; it can be a fun and friendly outdoor celebration! Put on your costume and come out to hike the woodland pumpkin trail with a SNC guide. At various stops in the woods children will learn some secrets of the forest, receive treats, and meet costumed characters.

This program is for children 3-9 years old and their parent or grandparent! The adult partner is free and must accompany the child throughout the program. Dress for the weather!

Location: Stage Nature Center

Fee: \$10 Res Disc: \$8

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
347046A	3-9	Sat	5-6:30 pm	Oct 24
347046B	3-9	Sat	5:15-6:45 pm	Oct 24
347046C	3-9	Sat	5:30-7 pm	Oct 24
347046D	3-9	Sat	5:45-7:15 pm	Oct 24
347046E	3-9	Sat	6:00-7 pm	Oct 24

Mistletoe 'n' Moonlight at Cattail Cove Nature Shop

**Tuesday, November 17
4-9 pm**

Looking for unique gifts for the holidays, and want to support the Stage Nature Center? Then come to our popular annual gift shop sale!

An added bonus for our annual pass holders is that they will receive an additional 20% off all purchases this night only.

Open to everyone, including children, as we have a play area for your children while you shop. We will have food samples including soups, dips and an assortment of gift items from companies in and around Michigan. Come shop for the bird lover in your family, that novice gardener or even the budding naturalist. We accept Visa and MasterCard for your convenience. There will be free gift wrapping and drawings for door prizes!

For more information, call the Stage Nature Center at 248.524.3567.

Scout It Out!



Calling all Webelos, Bears, Juniors, and Brownie Scouts!

Come complete your nature-related badge or try-it with our help! All requirements are met; however we cannot furnish the badge or try-it itself. Register as an individual scout, den, pack or troop. Please dress for the weather, part of the program will be outside. Leaders or chaperones are free and need to remain with their scouts at all times. No refunds or transfers for these programs.

While we don't offer a SIO for Tiger and Wolf scouts currently, please call and we can book your group as a field trip for a guided adventure at our Nature Center!

Location: Stage Nature Center

Fee: \$10

Brownies – Earth and Sky

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
347208A	Brownies	Sat	9-11 am	Nov 7
347208B	Brownies	Sat	12-2 pm	Nov 7

Webelos – Geology

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
347205A	Webelos	Sat	9-11 am	Dec. 5
347205B	Webelos	Sat	12-2 pm	Dec. 5

Juniors – Rocks Rock

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
317217A	Juniors	Sat	9-11 am	Jan. 23
317217B	Juniors	Sat	12-2 pm	Jan. 23

Bears – Achievement 5: Sharing Your World with Wildlife

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
317204A	Bear Cubs	Sat	9-11 am	Feb. 6
317204B	Bear Cubs	Sat	12-2 pm	Feb. 6

Brownies – Watching Wildlife

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
327213A	Brownies	Sat	9-11 am	Apr 24
327213B	Brownies	Sat	12-2 pm	Apr 24

Webelos – Naturalist

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
327211A	Webelos	Sat	9-11 am	May 1
327211B	Webelos	Sat	12-2 pm	May 1

Full Moon Madness

Experience the mysteries of nature in the dark – where everything takes on a different appearance and the spectacular moonlit landscape will guide our path! Different kinds of wildlife are active during the “nightshift” like fox, mice, and owls -- which we may hear during our hike. So join us on the trail this evening as we explore the “dark side” of nature.

Please dress for the weather, no need to bring a flashlight – we'll hike by the light of the moon. This is a family program; children must be accompanied by an adult. Each person participating must enroll and pay the fee.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity	Ages	Day	Time	Date	Fee	Res Disc
347847A	7-Adult	Fri	7-8:30 pm	Nov 6	\$7	\$5

Deer Santa

We all know Santa's reindeer (on Dasher, and Dancer...) are very famous and help him every year, but do you know about the deer that live in Troy? Come out and discover all about our local deer on our special "Reindeer Trail" outside at the Stage Nature Center.

Inside, join Santa Claus as he tells a few tales about his reindeer and life at the North Pole. Everyone will get a chance to talk with Santa personally, and receive a small gift from him as well. Parents and grandparents are welcome to bring their own cameras and take pictures of their little ones with the jolly old elf.

Children will also enjoy some cookies and juice, and make a seasonal craft. Please dress for the weather as part of this program occurs outside. Each child participating in the program must be registered. Parents and/or grandparents are free and need to remain with the child.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity	Ages	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
347042A	3-8	Sat, Dec 12	9-11 am	\$14	\$12
347042B	3-8	Sat, Dec 12	1-3 pm	\$14	\$12



Maple Syrup Rent-A-Tap Program

We are offering you a unique opportunity to join in the syrup season and help support the Stage Nature Center by renting a maple tap in the SNC's sugar bush.

Our Rent-A-Tap packages will be boxed, attractively wrapped, and available for pick up at the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center starting on March 6, 2010. For an additional cost Rent-A-Tap can now be shipped throughout the United States (see form for rates). For Alaska and Hawaii shipping rates, call SNC for details.

For only \$39.95 we will stuff your maple syrup box chock full of the following goodies:

- One pint of pure maple syrup
- 9 pieces of maple sugar candy
- Spile used to tap the maple tree
- A "lease certificate"
- SNC's Sugar Bush News
- Plus several other bonus items

If you are renting a tap for your class, scout group, or large family, consider supersizing it for an additional \$15 (\$54.95 total) and you will receive everything listed for the regular Rent-A-Tap, plus:

- An additional pint of maple syrup
- An additional 6 pieces of maple sugar candy

Both Rent-A-Tap sizes include a reservation for the Maple Syrup Time tour for up to four people free (a \$20 value!) Tours last approximately 1.5 hours. **Maple Rent-A-Tap leases must be received by January 8, 2010.**

Join in the syrup season this year and help support the Stage Nature Center by renting a maple tap in the SNC's sugar bush!

Maple Rent-A-Tap Form

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (10 digit): _____

Please check here if this is a gift: _____

We'll send you an official SNC Rent-A-Tap gift certificate.

Gift Recipients's Name: _____

Maple Syrup Time reservation for (4 person max.):

Name: _____ # in Group: _____

Please circle the appropriate date for your group:

Individuals and Families: March 6 or March 13, 2010

Scout Groups: March 20, 2010

Choose a time for your tour (all times apply to all dates):

9 am	()	9:30 am	()
10 am	()	10:30 am	()
11 am	()	11:30 am	()
12 pm	()	12:30 pm	()
1 pm	()	1:30 pm	()
2 pm	()	2:30 pm	()
3 pm	()	3:30 pm	()

Space is guaranteed if reservations are made prior to 2/1/10.

_____ Regular Rent-A-Tap @ \$39.95 = _____.

_____ Supersize Rent-A-Tap @ \$54.95 = _____.

If you would like your R-A-T shipped (excludes insurance)

_____ Regular Rent-A-Tap shipping \$14.00 = _____.

_____ Supersize Rent-A-Tap shipping \$17.00 = _____.

Ship To Address: _____

Please make checks payable to the **City of Troy - SNC**. Send completed order form and check (*do not send cash!*) to:

**Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center
6685 Coolidge Highway
Troy, Michigan 48098-1943**